

## Critical Days of Summer, May 26-Sept. 4

It's the time of year when more cars and travelers will be seen on our roadways. Do you know where your drivers are going? Plan ahead by getting your travel-plan checklist up to date. Visit the Naval Safety Center website, [www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle/](http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle/) checklists, for downloadable forms.

## Memorial Day, May 29

On Memorial-Day weekend, many celebrations will include drinking. Prepare your young men and women for the unexpected by offering them alternatives to alcoholic beverages.

You also can partner with the local community in promoting responsible drinking, and help prevent underage drinking and drunk driving. Download information about Campaign Safe and Sober from [www.nhtsa.gov/people/outreach/safesobr/](http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/outreach/safesobr/).

## National Safety Month, June

The National Safety Council has designated June 5-9 as driving-safety week, and has launched a planner's page to help organizations plan their observance of National Safety Month. Download materials such as safety tips and posters from <http://www.list.nsc.org/nsmplanners/>.

## Back to School, September

School goes back in session in the fall. Streets will be busy with buses stopping, and pedestrian crossings will be filled with children rushing to school. Bike riders also will take advantage of the cooling temperature and be seen more on the streets. Disseminate information about speed limits at school zones and proper use of reflective gear. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has resources

on school bus, bicyclist, skater, and pedestrian safety. Download educational materials and resources from [www.aaafoundation.org/resources](http://www.aaafoundation.org/resources).

## Halloween, Oct. 31

Remind your folks to drive slowly in residential areas and watch out for children darting out from behind and between parked cars. If your celebration involves hosting a party, make sure non-alcoholic beverages are served and arrangements are made for designated drivers. A guide for responsible hosting and party tips is available at [www.beeresponsible.com](http://www.beeresponsible.com).

## Holiday Season, November-December

November marks the beginning of the holiday season. More people will be on the road, whether shopping or driving to a family get-together. Include these items when reviewing travel plans and safety checklists with your people: driving in inclement weather; protective equipment, such as seatbelts and child safety seats; long-distance travel plans; and car maintenance. For your complete planning materials, visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) and click on the "Traffic Safety" tab, and the National Sleep Foundation, [www.sleepfoundation.org](http://www.sleepfoundation.org), and click on the "drowsydriving.org" link.



## Spring Fever

When the first thaw of winter arrives, more people will be seen enjoying the outdoors. With this come energetic activities, such as St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Cinco de Mayo, and Memorial Day. Use designated drivers and plan activities that don't involve alcohol. For safe party guides and non-alcoholic party-drink recipes, visit the Mothers Against Drunk Driving website, [www.madd.org/madd\\_programs](http://www.madd.org/madd_programs).

An advertisement for seatbelt safety. On the left, a close-up of a hand holding a seatbelt buckle. Overlaid text reads: "If you think this seatbelt is too confining...". In the center, a stack of papers and a small electronic device. To the right, a blue wheelchair. Overlaid text reads: "Which will it be?". At the top right, text reads: "be prepared to strap on one of these alternatives."